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SUBJECT: SUNDAY AFTERNOON ART MASSACRE

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1. EMB EXCELLENT REPORTING AND ANALYSIS BACKGROUND AND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE ART SHOW EVENTS MUCH APPRECIATED.

2. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMB COMMENT AND ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL LEGAL BACKGROUND POINTS TO ASSIST IN FOLLOWING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECT:

(1) WHAT IS LAW GOVERNING HOLDING AND LOCATION SUCH EXHIBITS? (2) WHAT ARE THE PROVISIONS OF LAW RELIED UPON IN IMPOSING FINES AND SENTENCES, WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE AND RANGE OF PERMITTED PUNISHMENTS; IN WHAT COURT IS MATTER HEARD? (3) PRECISELY WHAT IS PROCEDURE AND WHAT ARE THINGS REQUIRED TO BE SHOWN TO SECURE PERMIT? (4) WHAT ARE FORMAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPEAL IF PERMISSION DENIED AND HOW DOES MATTER OPERATE

IN PRACTICE? (5) UNDER EXISTING LAW AND REGULATIONS,
ARE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVED, INCLUDING ANY HEARINGS ON
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT AND ANY TRIAL FOR UNLAWFUL EXHIBIT
OR OTHER OFFENSE SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED, OPEN TO PRESS AND
PUBLIC OBSERVATION?

3. DEPT RECOGNIZES THAT COMPLETE ANSWERS IN SOME CASES

MIGHT BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH AND DOES NOT
WISH TO CAUSE EMB TO GO BEYOND WHAT MAY REASONABLY BE
ASCERTAINED. IF EMB CAN SUPPLY THEM RELATIVELY EASILY,
QUOTATIONS OF RELEVANT TEXTS OR REFERENCES TO LEGAL
SOURCES AVAILABLE HERE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. KISSINGER

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